



North Garland CHURCH OF CHRIST

We Strive to Be: A church devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ, growing together in knowledge and relationship with God and each other.

Today's Events:

LTC Practice: 1-4 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

- March 19** – Golden Girls Party!
12:00 p.m. at the Kent's (3621 Compound) Sign-up on welcome center
- March 20** – Meal: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert
- March 22-24** – Randy Willingham Visit
- March 27** – Meal: Chicken Stuffing Casserole, Pasta Salad, Hot Rolls, Dessert
- March 29-30** – LTC
- April 3** – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Green Salad, Brownies
- April 7** – 2024 Directory Pictures
- April 7** – Young Professional Class Starts
- April 7** – Erik's 10th Anniversary Reception: After Worship
- April 10** – Meal: Pizza, Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert
- April 14** – 2024 Directory Pictures
- April 14** – Francis Baby Shower
- April 17** – Meal: Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Baked Beans, Dessert
- April 24** – Meal: Sour Cream Chicken Tortillas, Cole Slaw, Relish Tray, Dessert
- April 28** – Garland Girls: Lunch & Mother's Day gifts (After worship)
- April 30** – Serve lunch at the Alva Bible Chair

Order of Worship

.....	<i>What A Mighty God We Serve</i>
Pilgrim's Praise	Trey Johnson
Song Leader/Welcome	Dee Plummer
.....	<i>Great Things</i>
.....	<i>Here I Am to Worship</i>
.....	<i>We Shall Assemble</i>
Prayer	TBD
.....	<i>Jesus at the Center of it All</i>
.....	<i>How Beautiful</i>
Communion Talk	George Gordon
.....	<i>Beautiful Life</i>
.....	<i>I'll Fly Away</i>
Sermon: Stand Firm	Erik Granberg
.....	<i>Stand Up for Jesus</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	Brent Dittmeyer
Nursery	Jacqueline Anderson
Sound Booth/Slides	Terry Sherrill

Sermon Scripture: Ephesians 6:13

Sermon Thought:

In this passage of scripture, and several elsewhere, God's followers are told to "stand firm." Sometimes the images of wind or waves are used, but always, the point is that there are forces at work, pushing God's followers away from where they need to be. Some people think standing firm means attacking the world. Some think it means putting up a fortress of walls against the world. This sermon looks at what that means according to scripture.

Sermon Questions:

1. Share what it is like to have forces pushing and pulling you away from where you need to be in following God.
2. In what aspects of life do you feel the push and pull away from God the strongest?
3. What do you find helpful in combating the push and pull?

For Our Guests:

- Our guest WIFI password is Mark1615.
- Communion cups are located on the small tables behind the pillars in the back of the auditorium.
- Our nursery, located in the hallway behind the foyer, is staffed with ladies that would love to help you. There is also a nursing mothers' room that is accessed by walking through the nursery.

Next Week's (3/24/24) Servants:

- Song Leader**
/Welcome: Bruce Swart
- Pilgrim's Praise:** Cole Roberts
- Communion Talk:** Kaiser Webb
- Shepherd's Prayer:** Dan Kent
- Sound Booth/ Slides:** Dee Plummer
- Nursery:** Michelle Pettus
- Greeters For March:** LuAnn Burford
Cheryl Kent

This Week's Birthdays:

- 17thJohn Granberg
Michael Granberg
Nate Tinius
Diane Snider
 18thWendy Taylor
 20thKim Tinius

This Week's Anniversaries:

- 18thWayne & Reeta Williams
 22ndGeorge & Terry Gordon

Our Daily Bread

In Matthew 6:5-13 Jesus gives instruction about prayer. Some of his instructions are that prayer is not to receive praise from the people watching, and prayer isn't made better by the length or number of words used. In Jesus' example of prayer, he uses the phrase, "Give us today our daily bread." This is a short but mighty example for us.

The idea behind this is one that is readily grasped, "God we ask that you give us just what need." Not too much, not too little. Proverbs 30:8-9 uses the same terminology and spells out the exact reasons why one doesn't need too little or too much, "Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God."

While it is easy to pray the prayer, it is not easy to live the prayer. If asked, "How much is enough?" Most would probably respond, "Just a little more." A little more pay, a bit bigger house, slightly nicer car. Perhaps we should add a phrase to our prayers, "Give us our daily bread...and to know when we have it." If we were to grasp that, perhaps then we would be more generous, maybe then we would be satisfied. Then we could rejoice in the blessings we have received instead of always searching for more.

Erik Granberg

Easter Service

Matthew 28:1 says that the women went to Jesus' tomb, "at dawn on the first day of the week...." Sunday March 31st is Easter Sunday, and this year we are going to meet at dawn for our worship. The plan is to have a sunrise worship at 7:00 in our church parking lot (sunrise is at 7:18), breakfast at 8:30, then an Egg hunt for the children at 9:30. If the weather is not conducive, we will simply move worship inside. Please spread the word.

Glenwood Help

From April 15 to May 15, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, there is a need for monitors at Glenwood to help with state testing. This would be for two to three hours in the morning. A person does not have to sign up for the entire time, just a time or two would be great...more if your heart says so. One would be either monitoring the halls for noise or be in the classroom monitoring. There is a session online that would need to be watched and notated. This is another opportunity to give back to the school we have partnered with all year. Please sign up on the form at the welcome center. I will keep you informed of the details as I receive them.
Judy Watson

LTC

There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome center for supplies needed for the Leadership Training for Christ group who will be traveling to Kansas City for their performances and activities. Please sign up and leave items in the main building kitchen. Please mark items LTC.

Power for Today

Power for Today has been encouraging readers for over 60 years. The Bible passages and daily devotions written by a variety of Church of Christ members will inspire and encourage you throughout your week. These quarterly devotionals will be in a basket on the welcome center table. You are encouraged to take one per family. April-May-Jue is the newest publication and will be available Sunday March 3. Blessings as you read!



ERIK GRANBERG'S 10 Year Celebration

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH
North Garland Church of Christ

Right after services.
Cake and Punch will be served!

You're Invited to Celebrate with Us!

